



Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizens Advisory Committee

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings from the meeting are available in the Planning Department for full reference.

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA), John Kehrberg (citizen), Buff Brown (Bloomington Transportation Options for People), Ted Miller (citizen), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), and David Walter (6th and Ritter NA),

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Brian Allen (Old Northeast NA), Steve Forrest (citizen), James Delpha (citizen), Brandon O'Leary (South Griffey NA), S. Clevenger (citizen), Michelle Cole (citizen), Scott Robinson (MPO staff), and Elizabeth Sandbothe (Planning Department Intern).

I. Call to Order (~6:33PM)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 27, 2008 meeting were accepted by the CAC without modification.

III. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Murray had no reports.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees

There were no reports from officers or committees. Mr. Scott Truex from Ball State University was unable to attend his presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. MPO Brochure

Mr. Robinson pointed out available copies of the MPO citizens guide for committee members to take back to their neighborhood associations and agencies.

B. Road School

Mr. Robinson explained that Mr. Hess and Mr. Fish were attending Road School at Purdue, for a variety of training and education programs regarding traffic engineering and management. They will present what they learned at the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Complete Streets Policy

Members of the committee reviewed draft policy. Mr. Forrest raised the idea of whether there should be priority given to forms of transportation with pedestrians and bicyclists taking priority over motorists, since they have historically been underserved. Ms.

Ryterband expressed concern for that idea, since the purpose of complete streets is egalitarian and values the transport of all people equally. Suggestion was made to include the historical context for this policy. Mr. Brown expressed concern that complete streets policy may discourage creation of streets solely for bicycles or pedestrians and restricting motorists from streets. Additional concerns were raised regarding implementation of the policy and specifically access for emergency vehicles. Mr. Robinson explained that the technical details of the policy will be worked out as the development of the policy continues.

B. SR 45/46 Bypass

Mr. Robinson recapped where the project is currently. Last meeting, INDOT came down and asked for input as soon as possible. The committee is attempting to compile comments and draft a letter to be signed off by the Policy Committee. Mr. Brown explained that INDOT is planning two left turn lanes from the Bypass onto 10th street without consideration of the 7th and 14th streets. He suggests a reanalysis of how 7th and 14th will impact traffic that would turn left on to tenth. Mr. Murray raised the concern of INDOT designing the project to highway speeds, not to street speeds. Mr. Murray said that they will draft a letter for the next meeting and asked committee members to submit their comments and suggestions.

C. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2009 - 2010

Mr. Robinson walked the committee through the major sections of the Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Murray asked if the CAC could propose projects to be added to the work program. Mr. Robinson explained that was difficult because of costs associated with any studies which are paid upfront and then reimbursed. Mr. Miller asked whether or not the student assisted study should be specified. Mr. Murry explained that it was sufficient to state that one would be conducted which gives the MPO more flexibility. Mr. Miller asked if the 10th/14th corridor student study would be incorporated into the new north campus area study. Mr. Robinson explained that students coordinate with IU and they are aware of the study and it is intended to be used as information and that IU has expressed the willingness to work with city Staff. Mr. Murray said that the 10th/14th street study will be included in the IU Master Plan, scheduled to come out in December. Mr. Miller expressed concern regarding the focus on east-west orientation and would like to see a more general description of this project.

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2009-2012

Mr. Robinson explained that the TIP is a project listing of what is going on and funding allocations and some maps included to give everyone an idea where the projects are and their limits. Mr. Robison said this is still a very early draft and that at the April meeting will be a more official draft and ask for approval from the CAC in May. Ms. Wrubel Asked what some of the capital letters represented. Mr. Robinson explained that they represented the status of the project. Mr. Brown commented that the TIP is the ultimate example of institutional inertial with traffic engineers deciding what projects are pursued. He recommended that these projects be scored based on the committee's transportation vision.



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VII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Technical Advisory Committees – April 25, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – May 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:00 PM)

*These minutes were _____ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on April 23, 2008.
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